

# Robotic Access to Planetary Surfaces

"Land, Fly, Rove, Dig"



### Scope

- Sub-orbital operations at large bodies
  - Land, fly, rove, dig
  - Moon, Mars, Venus, Titan, Europa, etc.
    - Also Earth entry and landing
- Roadmap technologies, facilities, flight tests, mission experience



#### Why

- Enable the next generation of robotic surface missions
  - Some examples:
  - Mars in situ laboratories
  - Venus and Titan aerobots
  - Europa pathfinder lander
  - Sample return missions
  - Many others ...





#### **Core Team**

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## Capabilities (1)

- Surface access
  - Mobility
    - Difficult terrain, high rate
  - Longevity
    - Extreme environments
- Surface Material Access
  - Sample access
    - Drilling, coring, melting, transfer, dexterity
  - Contamination control



## Capabilities (2)

- Entry, Descent, and Landing
  - Atmospheric entry and aerocapture
    - Thermal protection systems
    - Entry vehicle configurations
    - Hypersonic guidance
  - Parachute decelerators
    - Multi-stage, High-mach, Steerable
  - Terminal descent systems
    - Sensors, propulsion, energy absorption
  - Orbital precursor observations



# Capabilities (3)

- Aerial systems
  - Gliders
  - Planes
  - Balloons, dirigibles
  - VTOL
  - Guidance and control
  - Deployment



#### **Process**

- Canvas community for ideas
  - That's today!
- Conduct workshops with invited advocates
- Interact with related roadmaps
- Produce roadmap document



#### Status

- Scope defined
- Core team formed
- First workshop scheduled



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